

Attractions Guide – Beijing

Qianmen Dashilan



Located to the southwest of Tiananmen Square, Dashilan was a giant gate erected at the entrance to the streets and alleys during the first year of Xiaozong Hongzhi of the Ming Dynasty as a result of Beijing's curfew and installation of wood fences during the time. Today, the area has retained the flavours of the early days of the Republic. Dashilan is now one of the most popular shopping streets of Beijing with many traditional brands, restaurants, book shops and tea houses.

Address:

Dashilan Commercial Street, Xicheng District, Beijing

Transportation:

From High Speed Rail Beijingxi Station, take Subway Line 7, get off at Zhushikou Station and walk for about 10 minutes.

Pangjiayuan Antique Market



The most popular antique market in China, Pangjiayuan Antique Market was known in the past as the "Ghost Market" due to its bustling night time activities. At the end of the Qing Dynasty and the start of the Republic of China, many government officials were losing their wealth and need to sell their antique treasures for money. Most of these trading activities took place secretly at night to avoid embarrassment to the family. Many treasure hunters visited the place in search of hidden gems and the area developed a flea market culture over time. The current Pangjiayuan Antique Market was founded in 1992 and has continued to grow in scale ever since. A wide array of antiques are available in the market, from jade wares, ceramics, gold and gems, calligraphy and paintings to ancient books.

Address:

18 Huaweili, Pangjiayuan Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing

Transportation:

From High Speed Rail Beijingxi Station, take Subway Line 9, change to Line 10 at Liuliqiao Station, get off at Panjiayuan Station and walk for about 5 minutes.

22 International Art Plaza



22 International Art Plaza comprises modern buildings, natural greenery and art spaces existing in perfect harmony. In addition to entertainment and dining elements, the area also features boutique galleries, art studios, cultural product displays and art media, making it an iconic cultural and art community. Besides, China's first non-profit private art museum is located nearby. With different art and cultural displays, 22 International Art Plaza is definitely worth a visit for art enthusiasts.

Address:

Pingguo Community, 32 Baiziwan Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing (near Today Art Museum)

Transportation:

From High Speed Rail Beijingxi Station, take Subway Line 7, get off at Jiulongshan Station and walk for about 18 minutes.

Nanluoguxiang



One of the oldest neighborhoods in Beijing, Nanluoguxiang is composed of crisscrossing hutongs more than 700 years old. Main attractions include Juer Hutong, Senggelinqin Wangfu and the former residences of Qi Baishi and Mao Dun. Visitors can treat themselves with a tour of a collection of small cultural and art shops and local eateries, then continue their journey to nearby tourist hotspots such as Houhaijie and Yandaixiejie.

Address:

Nanluoguxiang, Dongcheng District, Beijing

Transportation:

From High Speed Rail Beijingxi Station, take Subway Line 9, change to Line 6 at Baishiqiao South Station, get off at Nanluogu Xiang Station and walk for about 10 minutes.

Fangjia Hutong



Previously occupied by a Chinese machine tool factory, the 9,000-square-metre area is now a famous Hutong art and culture zone in Beijing, with many art boutiques and studios moving into the space. The red brick walls provide a reminder of the hutong's industrial past, while the artistic displays inside offer modern innovations and creative crafts. Fangjia Hutong also has a few small restaurants and pubs for those looking for something chic.

Address:

Fangjia Hutong, Dongcheng District, Beijing

Transportation:

From High Speed Rail Beijingxi Station, take Subway Line 7, change to Line 5 at Chiqi Kou Station, get off at Beixinqiao Station and walk for about 15 minutes.